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SUBJECT: MBFR: US MANPOWER TOTALS

REF: A. STATE 214230

B. DEFENSE 4608, DTG 021013Z OCT 74

1. REF A GIVES THE FOLLOWING DATA ON US FORCES IN THE NATO
GUIDELINES AREA (NGA), AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973:

GROUND - 193,000

AIR - 34,000

(TOTAL) - 227,000

2. REF B, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED, GIVES THE FOLLOWING DATA ON
US FORCES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND RELATED AREAS OF JUNE 30, 1974:

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BELGIUM - 2,000

GERMANY -208,000

NETHERLANDS- 2,000

(TOTAL) - 212,000

3. WE HAVE PROVIDED NATO ALLIES WITH REF A DATA CONCERNING U.S. FORCES; AND AT SOME POINT IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AD HOC GROUP MAY RELEASE THEM TO WARSAW PACT. DOD SPOKESMAN GAVE REF B DATA TO REPORTERS AT OCTOBER 1 DOD PRESS BRIEFING. PRESUMABLY, OUR NATO ALLIES AND THE WARSAW PACT ALREADY HAVE THEM. SINCE US HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED IN MBFR FORA THAT REF A FIGURES REPRESENT ACTUAL STRENGTH, AN OBVIOUS INFERENCE IS THAT ACTUAL US MANPOWER STRENGTH HAS DECREASED IN THE NGA BY 15,000 SINCE DECEMBER 1973.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ANTICIPATION OF INEVITABLE QUESTIONS, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RATIONALE FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DATA IN REF A AND REF B BY OCTOBER 7. PROMPT RESPONSE WILL ASSIST IN OUR EFFORTS TO GET NATO AUTHORIZATION FOR AD HOC GROUP TO GIVE ALLIED DATA TO EAST.

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